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Local Items.

Drugs at Bascom's!
PATENT medicines at Bascom's!!!
The finest cigars at Bascom's!!!
ELEGANT handkerchief extracts at Bascom's!!!
Big trade in "Diamond Dyes" at Bascom's!!!

CIRCULATING library at H. E. Slayton's.

GOODS marked down, to close, at Webster's.
THE "Grocer's Favorite" extracts and essences are handsomely put up, and are unsurpassed in quality. For sale by grocers.

ANY one in need of a good tool-chest and tools—instead of chest is finished in chestnut and mahogany—will do well to call on A. C. Atherton, Waterbury, Vermont.

FOR SALE—One thousand Macomber's improved hand corn and bean planters. Agents wanted for all unoccupied territory. For particulars apply to O. G. Phelps, agent for the state of Vermont, Milton, Vt.

WOOD BOUGHT AND SOLD—Those who wish to buy or sell wood of any kind are invited to call at the office of Angell & Morrow, South Main street, opposite Henry Lowe & Son's store. This firm also buy and sell shingles.

Did you know that the best time to carry furniture is when it is good sleighing? When you come to Waterbury, call and look at the black walnut, chestnut, ash and painted chamber sets at A. T. Straw & Co's, Main street.

D. A. Gupill has a few more fine single sleighs which must be sold at cost, or some less, to close them out and make room for carriages. Wood or good notes taken in payment if desired. Call at Gupill's carriage repository, Main street, Montpelier, where he also has a good traverse sleigh for sale cheap.

HAVING on hand more prints than we want, we shall sell fifty pieces at the low price of three and one-half cents per yard. Also a lot of fine linen towels, fancy ends, which will be sold for about half of former prices, and a lot of silk plushes at ninety-five cents, former price \$1.75. Also broad velvet at fifty cents. Prices on all winter goods marked way down to reduce stock. Don't fail to go and look at the bargains at Webster's.

THE American Mortgage and Investment Company, for which C. J. Gleason, Esq., is local agent, declared a semi-annual dividend of four per cent, payable to stockholders January 10, and has also carried over \$2,000 to its surplus account, out of the earnings of the last six months. The company also pays all of the taxes on its capital stock. This showing demonstrates that the company is worthy of the fullest confidence, and stockholders in it among the fortunate investors.

Current Mention.

THE postmaster-general is in favor of a law excluding from the mails those papers which publish lottery advertisements. If such a law should be passed, we should miss the *Clipper*, the *Union* and the *Age*.

THE catalogue of the University of Vermont, just issued, shows that there are in the institution two hundred and seventy-one students, of whom eighty-six are in the department of arts and science.

THE Vermont State Spiritualist Association will hold their quarterly convention in Rutland, January 25, 26 and 27. Cephus B. Lynn, J. D. Stiles from Boston, and many other speakers will be present. Return checks will be granted on the railroads.

H. W. LOVE of Rutland, who was arrested on complaint of Grand Juror Spelman for alleged violation of the Sunday law by issuing a Sunday paper, was tried before the municipal court and a jury of six. The jury disagreed, and the case is continued till some time in February.

An evil spirit seems to hang about financial circles at St. Albans, and unfavorable rumors have been prevailing concerning the condition of the First national bank. Bank Examiner Hendee has been examining the books and papers of the bank, and says he finds nothing to cause any alarm.

WILLIAM M. DEVLIN, thirty years old, a cattle dealer known about Brighton and Watervorn markets, has disappeared, leaving it is reported, a large indebtedness to Vermont and New Hampshire drovers and other parties. Nothing has been seen of him since last week Tuesday, when he left the Brighton stock yard for Watervorn.

A SHOCKING accident occurred on "Bruce hill," in Roxbury, on Saturday. While Mrs. Nathan Gushue was away from her house, her little daughter's clothing caught fire in some way from the stove. The child ran out into the open air and, before the flames could be extinguished, she was burned in a horrible manner. She died on Sunday.

THE "J. W. Hobart," a new passenger engine built at the shops at St. Albans, is completed, and will be put on the road this week. It is a fine piece of work, being constructed after the same manner as the "Governor Smith," furnished with all the latest improvements in locomotive mechanism, and will run on the fast day express, opposite the "Governor Smith."

A NEW scheme in the way of fraudulent bank bills has been developed lately. A bill is cut lengthwise in narrow strips; one strip is taken out and the rest pasted together again, and the same process applied to another bill, and so on, until a sufficient number of strips have been taken to form a new bill. Quite a number of bills thus made have been discovered in circulation lately.

THE circulation of THE WATCHMAN is rapidly increasing, until this week it has reached over ten thousand copies, and our list is still gaining. P. S.—This is the same kind of a cock-and-bull story that the *Argus* told last week, when it said that its circulation that week was over seven thousand; but, as THE WATCHMAN is not printed at the *Argus* office, we trust to luck that they will not notice the slight discrepancy between our assertion and the facts in the case.

THE annual meeting of the Dog River Valley Fair Association was held at Northfield Tuesday, January 15. The following officers were elected: Dana H. Morse of Randolph, president; James Morse, vice-president; W. W. Holden, secretary; E. K. Jones, treasurer; John L. Moseley, auditor; F. W. Gold, general superintendent; Royal W. Clark, marshal; E. Huntley, superintendent of floral hall. At a subsequent meeting, held Saturday evening, Jan-

uary 12, it was voted to reduce the premiums, and new rules were adopted with regard to trotting.

THE first half of the school year of St. Johnsbury academy closed with examinations on Thursday and Friday last week, and a public meeting of the two literary societies connected with the school on Friday evening. The attendance of the term has been very large, three hundred and six names being enrolled. The school is to be congratulated, not only for its efficient corps of instructors, but also for the high moral tone which seems to prevail among the scholars.

PREPARATIONS for the winter carnival in Montreal, beginning February 4, are far advanced. The central tower of the ice palace is raised to the height of about fifty feet and the walls about thirty feet. A leading amusement will be the attack upon the ice palace, Wednesday night, by a snow-shoe brigade, thirteen hundred strong. Provision has been made to defend it by disciplined troops, who will be supplied with fireworks and rockets. The snow-shoes, who will make the attack from the outside, will also be provided with fireworks.

IN the case of the Central Vermont vs. the Montpelier & Wells River railroad, which was tried before commissioners last summer, the point at issue being as to the matter of a through train, the commissioners modestly charged twenty-five dollars per day and expenses for their valuable services. The case came before the Chittenden county supreme court on the plea that these charges were excessive, and the court sustained that view, cutting the price down to fifteen dollars per day and expenses. We doubt if there will be any special trouble in finding commissioners to serve, even at that figure.

AN accident occurred last week Tuesday afternoon on the St. Johnsbury & Lake Champlain railroad, about a mile and a half west of Highgate. Mr. John Butler of Highgate was on his way home from Swanton, and, in attempting to drive over a crossing, was struck by the express train. His horse was killed and he was thrown in the ditch. When picked up he was found insensible, with a deep wound on the back of his head, and has since died. He was quite deaf, and it is believed was not aware of the approach of the train, as the crossing was upon a curve where the track was only visible for a few rods in each direction. Mr. Butler was a brother of James Butler, station agent at Highgate, and was well-known in Franklin county.

DURING the past summer Colonel Levi K. Fuller of Brattleboro has given the whole subject of sewing-machines a careful study, going over the entire range of machines in the market, and as a result has designed and made a very simple and beautiful machine. Those who have seen it say that it will not only rank alongside of the New Home and Domestic, which are acknowledged to stand at the head of the market, but that it goes even farther, and in many important particulars will excel them all. The sewing-machine company is now engaged in fitting up machinery to manufacture this new machine, which will probably be ready for market the coming spring. The name of the new machine will probably be the "Fuller Model" or the "Estey."

THE "nutcase" of our grandfathers, which has always been regarded as simply one of the effective agents by which strong men were made into dyspeptics, will be invested with a new interest when the good house-wives discover that it is liable to eat the part of the miniature bomb-shell, and wreck any well-regulated kitchen without a moment's warning. That the danger is real, and near at hand, will be seen when we relate that while Mrs. Nellie Keeler of Hyde Park was frying doughnuts, one of them exploded, with a report quite loud, small pieces of the doughnut and much of the lard in the kettle flying all over the room and burning Mrs. Keeler in several places on her face, hands and arms. We trust that "doughnut explosions" will not add to the calamities of 1884.

OUR Gaysville correspondent writes: "Two young fellows, one named Broughton and the other Halford, went up Stony Brook a few weeks ago. Broughton represented himself as Sheriff Jones from South Royalton and Halford personated a detective from Boston. They entered the house occupied by Alonzo Packard, telling Mrs. Packard that they were in search of a horse-thief and wished to search her house, showing her some papers which they said were search-warrants. She suspected nothing wrong and gave them leave to go through the house, which they did pretty thoroughly. They then went to Rufus Mack's residence, where they went through with the same role. On Tuesday they were arrested and put under bonds for appearance at court, which convenes the 22d of this month."

THE Rutland Herald seems to agree with THE WATCHMAN that the loud professions of independence recently made by the *Argus* are simply the imaginations of its own conceit. It says: "The *Argus* poses as an independent newspaper; it was once an independent newspaper, and that was during the war, when its convictions placed it honestly and sincerely, we grant, in opposition to the war for the Union. The only knowledge we have of its subsequent independence is that once described by the late Artemas Ward. Said Artemas: 'I met a man in a bar-room in Nevada who had killed eleven men in the course of his experience, and who on the day of my arrival had cut open the bowels of his own brother, and yet,' continued Mr. Ward, 'this man was a gentleman. I know he was, because I heard him say so several times.'"

ANOTHER legal step was taken last week toward establishing the relationship of John Stewart of Johnson to the late Alexander T. Stewart of New York city in proving his claim to a share in the estate. On petition of the claimant, Judge Taft of the supreme court proceeded to Granville to take the testimony of Mrs. Isabel Cosgrove, in relation to the claim. The claimant was present in person, with counsel. Mrs. A. T. Stewart and Judge Hilton were represented by Judge Horace Russell of New York city and Noble & Smith of St. Albans. Mrs. Cosgrove's testimony was, in effect, a substantiation of the claims made by John Stewart. Several alleged facts in his affidavit, however, were not corroborated. A suit will probably soon be brought by John Stewart for the recovery of a portion of the Stewart estate. Judge Hilton looks on the suit as a blackmailing affair.

MESSINGER: "The special masters in the accounting of the receivers and managers of the Vermont Central and Vermont & Canada railroads for the period covered by the Central Vermont receivership (July, 1873, to July, 1883) have filed their report in the Franklin county

clerk's office. The masters find that the Central Vermont railroad company, as receivers, operated the roads under their charge in good faith and with ordinary prudence, and they approve of and allow the accounts as presented. They also find that the relations existing between the trust and the roads operated by the Central Vermont railroad company, and the methods of doing business between them, have been fair and equitable to the trust. The masters further find the services of President J. Gregory Smith, in the management and protection of the trust property, to have been exceedingly arduous, and they allow his account as presented." Chancellor Royce has approved of the masters' report.

ROBERT E. DAY, city editor of the *Daily Palladium*, New Haven, Conn., has compiled some "Whist rhymes," in which he has reduced the intricate rules which govern in this game to a simple form, easily memorized and readily understood. Mr. Day says: "After careful readings of 'Pole on Whist,' the writer was perplexed almost as much as at first. Discouraged in these attempts, he learned the Pole rhymes and followed them blindly during two or three sittings. A third reading of the English authority was more profitable for the reasons given—for facts already possessed—were easily comprehended. But much which the Pole rhymes—forty-five lines in all—failed to convey, was learned. An attempt to avoid omission of essential points here made. These rhymes are published in the belief that accuracy will commend them to experts, clearness to developing players and simplicity to beginners."

ONE of the most severe wind storms ever known in Vermont passed over Rutland county and a part of Addison county on Tuesday, January 8. Houses and barns were unroofed or demolished, fences and trees blown down, and the general destruction to property was great. The roof of the Bomoeseen house in Castleton, eighty by one hundred feet, was taken off, cutting one building in two, as it came to the ground. One house was blown off its foundation and laid upon its side, and several buildings were entirely blown away. Fortunately, there was no injury to life or limb. The track of the gale was about four miles in width. When the mercury had a "sinking spell" and was in the vicinity of 40° below zero, we have hitherto comforted ourselves with the thought that at all events we did not have to suffer from the destructive cyclone, but even that crumb of comfort seems destined to be taken from us.

JUDGE FISHER of Cabot has shown us an article that is really a curiosity, and shows the result of perseverance. It was one hundred feet of clothes-line made by the late Lois Lyford of Cabot, familiarly known in former years as Aunt Lois, from the combings of her head. About 1829 she commenced to save the loose hairs that combed from her then long head of hair, and make it into a fair-sized cord for a clothes-line, and continued to do so until 1875, before her death, which occurred in 1877, at which time she had a good head of hair, and in thirty-nine years she had made one thousand feet, a portion of which has been used for years for a family clothes-line and, in later years, has been taken by her children and friends as keepsakes. It is made from nothing but hair combed from her head, and is a line strong enough to hold a heavy weight. This one hundred feet was found with her son, Peter Lyford, a portion of which is to be given to the historical society.

THE following speakers are expected to be present at the dairymen's meeting at St. Johnsbury, the 23d and 24th: Hon. J. B. Mead, president of the association, and Hon. J. E. Russell, secretary of the Massachusetts Board of Agriculture, on "English agriculture;" Edward Burnett, Esq., Smithboro, Mass., on "Breeding;" Richard Goodhue, Jr., Lenox, Mass., on "The butter cow, her treatment and product;" Hon. W. W. Groat, Barton, on "Common law on common matters;" A. W. Cheever, Esq., editor of the *New England Farmer*, and Dr. H. A. Cutting, secretary of the Vermont State Board of Agriculture. The other members of the board have also been invited, and will take part in the meetings. Professor A. H. Sahin and H. E. Alvord, Esq., will be present, unless prevented by sickness. Board at hotels, \$1.25 per day. The railroads will give free return checks. On the Connecticut River railroad, passengers must procure return checks from the conductor when going up.

THE annual meeting of Mount Saint Temple, A. A. O., Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was held at Masonic hall, Montpelier, January 8. The following officers were elected for the year ensuing: George O. Tyler, 33°, grand potentate; George W. Wing, chief rabbi; Marsh O. Perkins, assistant rabbi; F. Fayette Fletcher, high priest; J. W. F. Washburn, Oriental guide; Frank H. Bascom, 33°, treasurer; Chas. H. Heaton, recorder; Albert A. Fletcher, ceremonial master; Rev. Howard F. Hill, standard-bearer; William A. Briggs, marshal; Rev. F. S. Fisher, captain of guard; Edward D. Blackwell, outer guard; Henry D. Bean, assistant guard; George W. Tilden, auditor; Milton K. Paine, 33°, alchemist; Orrin W. Orcutt, architect; Horace L. Johnson, engineer; J. Henry Jackson, professor of Arabic; Charles J. Jones, director; Hial O. Hatch, assistant director; William C. Bradbury, Arab; Albert C. Dewey, Jallah; Artemas N. Pearson, Abdallah. The officers were duly installed by Mr. Frank H. Bascom, 33°, deputy for Vermont, in due and ancient form.

THE Springfield Republican has this romance of a Thanksgiving turkey: "Little Grace Bingham of Shoreham will be a firm believer in Santa Claus from this time on. She put a note into one of her father's turkeys that he was preparing for the Thanksgiving market, saying: 'I want Santa Claus to send me a great big dolly and some little dishes, so please send this to him,' and signed her name. The turkey found its way to the table of L. B. Coolidge of Waltham, Mass., and the note went straight to Santa Claus, of course. A little while since the Shoreham people had a Christmas tree in the village academy, and among the presents on its branches was a 'great big dolly and some little china dishes,' the nicest of their kind, for Grace Kimball, with a hearty letter from Santa Claus, asking her to have her photograph taken with the dolly in her arms. The happiest side of the romance is among the people at Waltham, whom Santa Claus allowed to help him carry out his scheme, and who are now waiting for their photographs."

THE annual meeting of the Mad River Valley Agricultural Society was held at Waltham, January 12, when the following officers were elected: President, B. D. Bisbee, Moretown; vice-president, Seth Boyce, Fayston; secretary, D. B. Bragg, Fayston; treasurer, E. A. Fish, Waltham; auditor, W. A. Jones, Waltham;

marshal, S. Somerville, Duxbury. The board of directors is as follows: Duxbury, S. M. Turner, Park Avery and Bert Phillips; Fayston, John Maxwell, M. S. Strong and E. L. Marble; Middlesex, William Chapin, J. B. Hills and J. H. Holden; Moretown, G. B. Evans, George C. Evans and Walter Lamphere; Northfield, S. H. Kent, W. H. Morris and Frank Kimball; Waltham, Reuben Bates, J. L. Palmer and Norton D. House; Waterbury, G. E. Moody, W. E. Marshall and Joseph Somerville; Warren, James Eldridge, N. N. Robinson and L. E. Hanks. It was voted to hold the next annual fair Tuesday and Wednesday, September 16 and 17, on the usual grounds in Waltham. A meeting of the directors will be held at the Congregational vestry in Waltham, Saturday, January 26, at ten o'clock a. m. All premium orders must be presented to the treasurer before the close of the fair next following their date to receive payment.

THE eighth annual meeting of the Vermont Merino Sheep-breeders' Association was held at Middlebury on the 8th inst., with the president, M. B. Williamson of Cornwall, in the chair. With but few exceptions, all the prominent sheep-breeders, not only of Addison county, but of the rest of the state as well, were on hand, and many prominent sheep men from other states were also present. The secretary's report showed one hundred and ninety-two applications for membership during the year, with only six of that number rejected. Present membership, twelve hundred and two, six hundred and thirty of whom belong in Vermont. Net receipts for the past year, about \$200 in excess of the previous year, and expenses much larger. The assets of the association are now estimated at \$3,782.82. Samuel James of Weybridge was elected president for the coming year; Frank More of Shoreham and J. L. Butolph of Middlebury, vice-presidents; Albert Chapman, secretary; Virgil Rich of Shoreham, treasurer. There was some contest over the secretary's salary; but it was finally fixed at \$2,500, the same as before. The association adopted a memorial to congress, rehearsing the bad effects of the repeal of the wool tariff of 1867, and asking that body to "grant us relief, and restore the duty on foreign wools provided by the tariff of 1867."

PROFESSOR STARR said last week that the sole secret of success in performing his tricks was to attract the attention of observers to some other than the real point, and, while eyes were thus averted, the performer's opportunity was deftly improved. We explained recently that the *Argus* and *Patriot* was endeavoring, by similar methods, to extricate itself from the unpleasant dilemma in which its indiscreet boasting had involved it. Our inept contemporary renewed its efforts last week to distract public attention while it withdrew from its exposed and ridiculous situation, with the only result of fixing the gaze of a laughing community more steadfastly upon its unbecomable embarrassment. It has been masquerading in a lion's hide, but no illusionist's art could so much persuade people that those ears and that voice are part and parcel of "the king of beasts." It had so long cheated the people, by its clumsy simulation, into the belief that it was a real lion, that it had, itself, begun to take stock in its own fraud. Now that the delusion has been ruthlessly dispelled, and folks see that it is entirely another kind of a quadruped, its confusion is distressing as well as extremely diverting. To cover its chagrin at being smoked out of its disguise, it sets up a loud clamor about this, that and the other, of which people care nothing at all, but vouchsafes never a word of information about the alleged "chiefs of the ring," the very thing about which every one is dying to hear.

An ancient proverb says: "A coward boasting of his courage may deceive strangers, but it is a laughing stock to those who know him." This seems to be exactly the plight of our contemporary, especially since its swelling proclamation of its "Duty to Republicans," and the invention of its amusing fiction of a crusade against the "chiefs of the ring." Our distracted contemporary, in half a dozen lines, could have accomplished what in several columns of bragging and wriggling it has signally failed to do. When it gives some reasonable proof that the glove which clothes the good right hand, which it extends to the "ring," is a mailed glove, as it loftily says, and that it is "mailed" with something more than soft-soap, and that its "powerful and telescopic eye" closes on something more in earnest than ring spoils, then its high-blown pretensions to warfare against "chiefs of rings" may obtain some credit. Our advice to our esteemed contemporary is, to drop brag and bluster in general, and to make the "ring" in earnest or forever hold its tongue about its own pulchritude and its disregard of feelings of its "own or favor." In other words, if it would stop its noisy and noisy bragging, even those who do not make no distinction in the matter of courage and honor, in the language of the street, let it "put up or shut up." There is nothing "hyperbolic" or "metaphorical" about this.

A PRETENSED newspaper correspondent, temporarily stopping at Lowell, Mass., has sent several highly sensational dispatches to the New York, Pittsburg, Chicago and Cleveland papers, which have been widely copied. The first of the fictions purposed to describe an elopement from North Chelmsford, abounding in dramatic situations. The second sensational was a long account of a triple tragedy in North Chelmsford, in which a husband killed his wife and the latter's paramour, and then killed himself. The third story described the deadly encounter of the son of an English earl with a shrewd and cunning American, both being found dead. The details of this adventure were decidedly "fishy." The latest fabrication was telegraphed from Lowell last week Tuesday, giving a sensational account of a physician's experience with an Andover "ghost," which proved to be an insane Frenchman. The Lowell Times says: "There is not one iota of truth in any of the yarns referred to above, and all have originated in the fertile brain of one Thomas Addison, who has been in this city since November, being detained here by his mother's illness. He is about thirty years old and smart appearing. Being interviewed, he admitted the authorship of those romances, and said he did not send them as legitimate news, but simply to cater to the morbid and sensational tastes of New York and western papers. He got well paid, and that was all he cared for. He also made the assertion that half the sensations which the northern papers publish of harrowing and romantic incidents in the South and West are manufactured by his accomplished liege as himself." It is such exploits as these which bring journalism into disrepute and tend to destroy confidence in reliable news.

Personal.

HON. PROSPER MERRELL of Woodstock has returned from a southern trip.

EDWIN FISHER has been nominated by the president as postmaster at Bethel.

BISHOP SIMON will preside at the session of the Vermont conference to be held here in April.

NORMAN H. CAMP of Vermont has been nominated by the president for assayer at Boise City, Idaho.

ROADMASTER BEAN, it is reported, will soon become senior superintendent of the Central Vermont railroad.

REV. L. O. BRANTON of Burlington has signified his intention of closing his labors with the Winoski Avenue Congregational church,

of which he has been pastor for more than ten years.

REV. MR. WATSON, formerly of Sheldon, is now settled as pastor of the Congregational church in Tracy, Minn.

EFFRAIM TAYLOR of Barton has just paid his fifty-third subscription to THE WATCHMAN, and in advance, too. This is a good record.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL SHEPARD of Massachusetts is a Vermontier, as are eight members of the house of representatives and one senator.

DANIEL R. JUDD, for many years foreman of the freight car repair men in the railroad yard at St. Albans, died Saturday night of paralysis. Mr. Judd began working for the Vermont Central thirty-three years ago at Northfield, and has been in the employ of the company ever since.

Montpelier.

THE Bethany ladies' sewing society meets at Mrs. S. C. Woolson's Thursday afternoon.

THE store of the Union Card Company has been connected with the telephone exchange.

REV. CALVIN STEPHENS of Lebanon, N. H., is to exchange with Rev. Mr. Wright next Sunday.

WHITMORE & CLARK the minstrels will give an entertainment at Capital hall, Saturday evening, January 19.

REV. P. McMillan of Barre occupied the pulpit in the Methodist church last Sunday, in exchange with Rev. Mr. Hincks.

THE ladies' sewing society of Christ church will meet this (Wednesday) afternoon, at two o'clock, with Mrs. S. L. Howe.

OWING to the inclemency of the weather, only sixteen persons attended the evening service at Christ church last Sunday.

GEORGE M. SCHRIENER's large snow-scraper was placed upon the river yesterday, and a track was made for a trotting course.

MESSES. A. D. & GEORGE L. LANE, druggists, have dissolved partnership. A. D. Lane will continue the business at the old stand.

A HORN alighted upon a tree near this office, yesterday sang a few notes, and last week several crows flew northward over this village.

THE care of the court-house clock has been assigned to A. A. Mead. Yesterday it was regulated, and it will henceforth run strictly upon standard time.

THE ladies of Christ church will run a social at Grand Army hall to-morrow (Thursday) evening. Dancing from half-past seven to half-past ten o'clock.

A LADY's fur collar was found at Capital hall last Thursday evening. The owner can obtain the same at this office by proving property and paying charges.

COLONEL L. E. FULLER and Mr. G. S. Dowley of Brattleboro made this office a pleasant call while in town last week. Colonel Fuller's zeal for the law has not abated one whit.

IT gives us pleasure to announce this week the marriage of Taylor T. Runney, clerk in the store of George E. Tapin, and Miss Abbie Denmore of Claremont, N. H., which occurred at Claremont on Tuesday of last week.

THE annual concert of Bethany Sunday-school was held Sunday evening, January 13, at the different officers were read and remarks made by Mr. Carlton, the superintendent, and by Rev. Mr. Hincks. The attendance was small.

MR. AND MRS. D. S. WHEATLEY, and their son Ned, attended the forty-third anniversary of the marriage of Mr. Wheatley's parents, in East Brookfield, January 7th, and the sixth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. Wheatley's brother, in Brookfield, on the 9th.

AGAIN the family of J. W. F. Washburn are called upon to mourn the loss of a child. Wm. aged seven months, died on Wednesday, January 9th, of cerebro-spinal meningitis. The heartfelt sympathy of their many friends is quickened by this renewal of affliction.

STEPHEN NEWCOMB is the owner of a sleigh of his own. It was purchased by him in Washington and is, as nearly as can be learned, about one hundred years of age. It has been repaired since it came into his possession, and is as active as well as very comfortable.

Wm. Welch, in his last issue, by stating that he had discharged all but one of his employees. Mr. Welch has only discharged two men, and these were from the wholesale store, and he has not discharged any from the retail store, and that he had a larger holiday trade than ever before.

THE entertainment afforded by Haverly's minstrels on Monday evening was of a higher order than that of any similar party we have seen. The programme was largely musical and well rendered. There was comparatively little of the rough acting which usually characterizes such a show. The audience was likewise exceedingly good.

A DISTRICT convention of all the masonic lodges in Washington county (sixth masonic district) will be held in the hall of Aurora lodge, Montpelier, on Friday, February 22, afternoon and evening, under the direction of Dr. J. Henry Jackson, district deputy grand master. It is expected that a full delegation of the grand officers will be present. Full details hereafter.

TWENTY-ONE couples of young people met at the parlour last Thursday evening, and took a sleigh-ride, under the auspices of the ladies of the party. They made the residence of Michael Hurley in Barre their objective point. Arriving there they partook of refreshments, and indulged in general merry-making. After a brief visit, they returned to Montpelier, reaching here at midnight.

IMPORTANT business was transacted at the meeting of the Young Men's Christian Union, held in their rooms on Sunday afternoon last. The union was formally organized into a Young Men's Christian Association and a constitution adopted. By agreement, the officers of the union retain their positions until the third Saturday of this month, the time fixed by the constitution for the annual election of officers of the association. It is desirable that there be a large attendance at this time.

A TRUST meeting of Mount Calvary Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 16°, was held at Masonic hall January 8. The following officers were elected: George W. Wing, 32°, M. E. S. P. G. M.; William A. Briggs, 16°, G. H. P. D. S.; Henry Lowe, 16°, M. E. S. P. G. M.; George Morse, 16°, M. E. J. G. W.; Frank H. Bascom, 33°, V. G. treasurer; Charles H. Heaton, 32°, Val. G. S. K. of S. and A.; Rev. H. E. Hill, 32°, Val. G. M. of Cer. Albert C. Dewey, 32°, Val. G. R. almoner; Will H. Herrick, 32°, Val. G. M. of Ent.; James A. Erwin, 16°, grand tutor. The officers were installed by Justus W. F. Washburn, 32°, the retiring M. E. S. P. G. M.

AS DECEASED TAYLOR was passing along the sidewalk in front of C. B. Blakey's drug-store, last Wednesday evening, a large mass of ice became detached from the eaves, and falling, struck him squarely upon the top of the head and drove him to the ground. He was picked up and carried into Mr. Blakey's store, and it was at first feared that he had sustained a fracture of the skull. He soon recovered, however, sufficiently to ride to his house, and was continued to improve until he is now able to be about, though still suffering from the effects of his bruises. This accident affords an illustration of the possibilities of serious injury resulting from lack of care in removing the ice from those buildings where the eaves hang over the sidewalk.

ABOUT thirty ladies and gentlemen of Capital lodge of Good Templars visited their brethren of Temperance Home lodge at Waterbury, Monday evening, leaving here on the Chicago express. An address of welcome was given to the guests by Worthy Chief Templar W. J. Johnson. The thanks of the visitors were tendered by John G. Wing, who also extended to their hosts an invitation to visit Montpelier. Cake and coffee were served, and after refreshments the hall was cleared and, after a promenade, music being furnished by Bert Wallace. Remarks were made by H. C. Lull, T. R. Gordon, J. G. Wing, and T. J. Keegan of Capital lodge, and by several members of the Waterbury lodge. The visitors came home on the midnight express, having made arrangements for the same to stop at Waterbury. The occasion was one of the pleasantest in the history of the lodge.

THE balliffs have contracted with the Warren foundry company of New York for the iron pipe to be used in constructing the Montpelier water works. This firm agrees to deliver the pipe in this place for \$35 per gross ton, and special

castings, such as the T's, Y's, etc., at the rate of two and seven-eighths cents per pound. About seven hundred tons will be required. The company will begin delivering it by the 20th of May, and agree to have it all delivered before the last of August. Five bids, in all, were received by the committee. They have strong proof of the reliability of the company in the fact that out of eight villages which have been in the market within a month for a supply of this kind, this company has taken the contracts of seven, and only out of the eight because of its being so far west as to make the freight charges too heavy. Nearly \$2,000 were saved by buying this early, as the same firm yesterday raised the price of pipe \$2.50 per ton.

THE snow-shoe, like the roller-skate, is a very simple affair, and it also resembles the piece of mechanism in the fact that, although ostensibly designed for man's amusement, it often proves to be a source of wretchedness and the cause of much bad language. The heart of the novice is filled with glee as he takes upon his feet for the first time the innocent looking snow-shoe, and his mind is filled with visions of a successful chase after the swift deer with an admiring company to applaud his graceful movements. He is now ready for the sacrifice, and, with a good will, looks into his eye, he says to glide gently over the beautiful snow. He mounts the first drift, wondering why Napoleon did not cross the Alps on snow-shoes, when, alas for the vanity of things subliminary, the "air is solemn still," and the regular mind of the pedestrian, and he now views it with feelings akin to awe. Further attempts at surface navigation meet with such indifferent success that the beginner is ready to give up, and, in a strong effort, is made upon the resources of the limber bottle. We took our first tramp on snow-shoes last Saturday evening, which may account, in part at least, for the general drift of these reflections.

CHRIST CHURCH was filled with relatives and invited friends, last Thursday noon, to witness the marriage of Hon. James L. Martin and Miss Jessie L., eldest daughter of Edward Dewey. The church was decorated with the mind of the pedestrian, and he now views it with feelings akin to awe. Further attempts at surface navigation meet with such indifferent success that the beginner is ready to give up, and, in a strong effort, is made upon the resources of the limber bottle. We took our first tramp on snow-shoes last Saturday evening, which may account, in part at least, for the general drift of these reflections.

THE wedding of Mr. Martin and Miss Jessie L. was a very large number of guests, and the ceremony was performed by the pastor, Rev. H. P. Hill, in the regular hour of church service. The bride was attired in a broad white satin petticoat and an Ottoman court train of white satin, and wore a bunch of orange blossoms in her hair, and a long veil, looped with orange blossoms. After the ceremony at the church, the bridal couple and a few of the immediate friends and relatives partook of a wedding breakfast at the home, and took the